### FORM 6-K

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934



## **HSBC** Holdings plc

|                                  | 10 Lower Thames Street, London EC3R 6AE, England                                    |                             |                   | PROCESSED                   |
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| [ Indicate by check or Form 40-F | mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F |                             |                   | 0-F APR 1 9 2002<br>THOMSON |
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|                                  | mark whether the registrant by furnation to the Commission pursuant                 | to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the | e Securities Excl |                             |
|                                  | Yes   | No ✓                        |                   |                             |

#### **SIGNATURE**

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[ If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b):

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

HSBC Holdings plc

By: Name: P A Stafford

Group Company Secretary's Department



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AVS NO: 661604

28 March 2002

Dear Sirs

#### Section 198 - Companies Act 1985

The Company was notified today that Lehman Brothers International (Europe) no longer has a notifiable interest in the share capital of HSBC Holdings plc.

A copy of the letter of notification is attached.

Yours faithfully

Peter Harvey

Company Secretarial Assistant

Encl

# LEHMAN BROTHERS

28th March 2002

Ralph Barber Company Secretary HSBC Holdings Plc 10 Lower Thames Street London EC3R 6AE

BY FAX AND POST

Dear Mr Barber,

S198 Companies Act 1985 (the "Act")

We write to inform you, pursuant to s198 of the Act, that as at the close of business on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2002, the interest of Lehman Brothers International (Europe) in the ordinary share capital of HSBC Holdings Plc (the "Company") has fallen below 3 percent.

Yours sincerely

For & on behalf of Lehman Brothers

Anthony Allen

Audit and Compliance Department